

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 9 have been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 3-6, 8-13 and 15-20 remain in the application.

The present Office Action requires a restriction and election of claims as set forth in the Office Action because, according to the examiner, Applicants' amendment "has substantially modified the scope of the claims in such a manner that two-way distinctness now exists between the independent claims."

In response, Applicants request that the examiner enter the amendments herein, which will substantially return the claims to the previous unmodified version of the claim. In doing so, Applicant submits that the need for the restriction requirement is mooted, and the claims are now all in condition for allowance based on the previous examination of the claims.

Specifically, claim 3 has now been amended so that it incorporates former claim 2, as well as the language of former claim 1 from the prior amendment. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

Claims 4 and 9 have been amended to be dependent on claim 3, essentially returning these claims to their prior form.

In the Office Action dated November 29, 2007, the examiner indicated that claims 3, 4, 7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Furthermore, in that Office Action, the examiner indicated the allowance of claims 10-13 and 15-17.

As the claims are amended herein, claims 3, 4 and 9 (claims 4 and 9 are now dependent on claim 3, as they were previously) now include all of the limitations of the former base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, these claims are allowable, as are claims 5, 6, 8, 15, 16, 18 and 20, which all depend directly or indirectly therefrom.

Claim 17 has already been indicated as allowed in the November 29, 2007 Office Action, so that claim, as well as claim 19 which is dependent on claim 17 should be allowed.

The examiner has already stated that claims 10-13 are allowed.

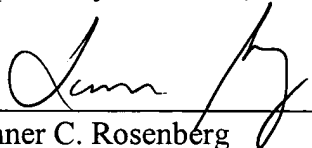
Thus, all of the pending claims are in condition in which they have either been allowed or allowance had been indicated if the present amendments were made. Applicants submit that all claims should now be allowed.

To be certain that Applicants are fully responsive to the restriction requirement, if for any reason the examiner disagrees with the conclusions set forth above, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, with traverse. The basis for the traverse of the restriction requirement is that all presently pending claims have been examined, so that there is certainly no burden on the examiner, at this point in the proceedings, if the restriction requirement is withdrawn.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 3-6, 8-13 and 15-20.

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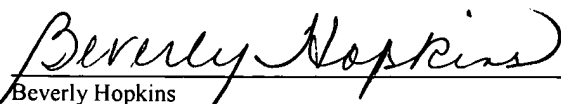
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